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SUBJECT: TEXTILE IMPORT CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. DURING LATE 1972 AND EARLY 1973 THE U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (FOLLOWING A CUSTOMS COURT DECISION) REVISED ITS PROCEDURE FOR STATISTICALLY CLASSIFYING SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF APPAREL IMPORTED IN SETS. UNDER THE EARLIER CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES, WHICH HAD EXISTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE TEXTILE PROGRAM, SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF SETS WERE STATISTICALLY CLASSIFIED IN THE SPECIFIC CATEGORY PROVIDED FOR THE COMPONENT. AS AN EXAMPLE, FOR A SET CONSISTING OF A MATCHING KNIT SHIRT AND KNIT SKIRT, ALL OF MAN-MADE FIBERS, THE KNIT SHIRT WAS REPORTED IN MAN-MADE FIBER CATEGORY 219, AND THE KNIT SKIRT WAS REPORTED IN CATEGORY 220. UNDER THE REVISED PROCEDURE SUCH A SET, IF MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA OF COLOR COORDINATION, SIZE, AND/OR PACKAGING, WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN ENTIRETY UNDER CATEGORY 224.

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2. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1973, THE U.S. CUSTOMS IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL PROCEDURE FOR STATISTICALLY CLASSIFYING MERCHANDISE IMPORTED IN SETS. EXCEPT FOR THOSE SETS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE CATEGORY STRUCTURE E.G., MENS SUITS), SEPARATE ARTICLES OF APPAREL WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY, WHETHER OR NOT IMPORTED AS PART OF A SET.

3. THE REVISED INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING ISSUED TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF THE CLASSIFICATION PRACTICES OF THE UNITED STATES AS THEY HAVE EXISTED SINCE THE TEXTILE PROGRAM WAS INITIATED.

FOR SEOUL AND TAIPEI:

4. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND FOR A 60-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING OCTOBER 1, 1973, CUSTOMS WILL PERMIT ENTRY OF GOODS FROM KOREA AND ROC CLASSIFIED UNDER EITHER PROCEDURE BY THE KOREAN AND ROC GOVERNMENT. THIS WILL PREVENT DELAY IN ENTRY OF THESE GOODS DURING A TRANSITION PERIOD.

5. INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT. RUSH

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